outstanding amount of Rs. 193.20 lakhs, indicated as sundry debts in the Audit Report for the period ending 30th June, 1985 Steps are being taken to reconisile and settle the outstanding dues.

Construction of Houses for slums and foot path dwellers in the Four metropolis

1138. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of houses constructed for slums and foot-path dwellers in Calcutta, Bombay, Delhi and Madras during the last financial years;

(b) what was the total amount spent on construction of those houses;

(c) what is the number of houses to be constructed for slums and for foot-path dwellers in these cities during the current financial year; and

(d) what is the total amount to be spent on the construction of such houses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) The Central Govt. does not directly implement any housing scheme for slum dwellers. As Housing & Urban Development are State subjects, State Govts./U.T. Admis. are free to implement all social housing schemes keeping in view their requirements and plan priorities. Since the problem of slum is related to management of urban land and overall urban development planning which are State subjects, appropriate schemes are formulated and implemented only by the State Govt the Central Govt. provides guidelines and formulates various schemes to assist the State Govts. in their efforts. The emphasis has gradually shifted from a policy of slum clerance to that of environmental improvement of urban slum (EIUS) which has been included as Point No. 15 of the 20-Point programme. Funds are made available to the State Govts. for improving the environmental conditions in urban slums by providing basic infrastucture such as electricity, road, street light, etc. The 7th Plan aims at coverage of about 9 million slum dwellers with an outlay of Rs. 269.55 crores. As per the reports received during 1986-87, 19.17 lakh slum-dwellers have been covered in various States/U.Ts.

A scheme for alleviation of shelter problems of the pavement dwellers, particularly in the metropolitan cities is being wored out.

Requirement of paper at government of India press, Aligarh

1139. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total requirement of paper of different qualities, needed at the Government of India Press, Aligarh;

(b) what is the quantum of paper supplied to the said press during the last financial year;

(c) whether the supply of paper has been short during the last year; if so, what are the reason therefor and what are the remedial measures adopted by Government; and

(d) what has been the loss on account of the short supply of papers during the last financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Approximately 3130 M/Ts. (Real and Sheet paper).

(b) Approximately 128 M/Ts. of Reel paper was supplied. Adequate stock of sheet paper was available in the press.

(c) The supply of reel paper was short because the orders placed by the DGS&D on various Mills did not materialise. However, the DGS&D have been persuaded to expedite the supply. The Directorate of Printing has also placed a direct order in M/S. Mysore Paper Mills Ltd. for supply of 3,000 M/Ts. of reel paper to the Govt. of India Presses out of which 375 M/Ts. is meant for the Govt. of India Press, Aligarh.

(d) Monetary value of loss is Rs. 19,41,926/- approx.